Schemes for the people below poverty line in Assam

2414. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes formulated and being implemented for the poor people living below the poverty line in the State of Assam; and

(b) the details of grants given during each of the last three years in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) The Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation has been implementing Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), a Centrally Sponsored Urban Poverty Alleviation Programme, with effect from 1.12.1997 on all India basis including the State of Assam with a view to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed or under-employment poor through (i) encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures by those who have read upto 9th standard and (ii) provision of wage employment by utilising their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets. The scheme is funded in the ratio of 75:25 between the Centre and the States.

(b) The details of Central funds released to Assam under Swarna Jayanti Shahari Razgar Yojana (SJSRY) during the last three years are as under:

Year	Funds released
1998-99	823.08 lakhs
1999-2000	191.07 lakhs
2000-2001	63.30 lakhs

Supply of water in new pipeline in type-I quarter, Netaji Nagar

†2415. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite laying down of new water pipelines through bathrooms and latrines two and half years ago in type-I, Government quarters at Netaji Nagar, water is not being supplied through these pipilines;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that water supply through old pipelines has been cut long time ago in the Government quarters of type-I from F-2137 to F-2138; and

(d) if so, by when the water supply will be restored in the above quarters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) and (b) NDMC had laid new pipelines for supply of water to 78 type-I quarters in F Block, Netaji Nagar. These pipelines were connected to the houses but not to the toilets.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Water supply to all these quarters has already been restored by CPWD.

Health Cities Programme

2416. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a proposal on Health Cities Programme in the country with the financial assistance from WHO;

(b) if so, the details of the programme; and

(c) by when the programme in the cities is expected to be initiated and the names of the cities in which the programme will be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) to (c) A Healthy Cities Programme is being implemented with the financial assistance from World Health Organisation. The programme aims to improve environmental hygiene in cities, in order to reduce the disease burden. The main objectives of the project are:

* To upgrade and improve the city's environmental/public health conditions through integrated planning and management of the different sectors of urban development.

* To promote equity in distribution of basic utilities and infrastructure services that will help in maintaining good hygiene.